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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

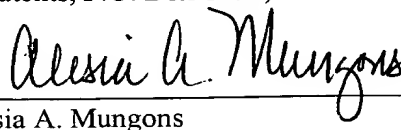
Dear Madam:

In Response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 21, 2004, Applicant's undersigned attorney hereby submits a claim listing of all pending claims, including claims 6 and 30. Claims 6 and 30 were previously subject to a restriction, and had been withdrawn; however, the Office Action of November 3, 2003 grouped claims 6 and 30 within the invention of Group I, the group now elected by Applicant for prosecution on the merits. Applicant considers the new grouping of claims as set forth in the Office Action of November 3, 2003, operative to change the status of claims 6 and 30 from withdrawn to pending. Applicant's subsequent election of Group I was intended to include these claims (6 and 30). Applicant submits that this paper constitutes a complete response to the Office

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App. No. 09/582,971  
Amdt. dated August 23, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 21, 2004

Action mailed July 21, 2004, and when taken with the Election filed with the Office on April 28, 2004, constitutes a complete response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003.

A list of all current pending claims follows on page 3. The status of each claim presented (*e.g.*, Original, Previously Presented) is with respect to the Office Action of November 3, 2003.